Force landing of an air taxi at Santa Cruz airport

4133. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE; Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION & TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 48 passengers of a private air taxi, belonging to Continental Aviation Private Limited, had a narrow escape when one of the engines of the aircraft shut down in mid air and it force landed at Santa Cruz airport on 17th June. 1992:

(b) if so. what are the details thereof: and

(c) what checks of the aircraft are undertaken before the aircraft is permitted to take off and whether all such checks were actually done in this case?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIA TION AND TOURISM (SHRI MAD-AVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) On 17-6-92, Continental Aviation F. 27 aircraft VT-ERZ while operating on Bombay-Goa sector landed back at Bombay airport due to port engine failure in flight.

(c) Except for the inspection item called "Perform Auto-Feathering Test at Base only, the departure checks as prescribed by DGCA have been duly certified before the said flight by an officer of the Airline holding DGCA authorisation.

National Policy on Tourism

4134. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE-

Will he Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether a national policy on tourism has been evolved lately;

(b) if so, what role has been assigned to private sector thereunder;

(c) whether any scheme for fiscal incentives for private sector is con templaed therein; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) A National Action Plan on tourism has been presented in the Parliament on 5th May. 1992.

(b) The policy is to encourage private investment for accelerated growth of tourism.

(c) and (d) Fiscal incentives like income tax concession on foreign exchange earnings, exemption from 50 per cent income tax and expenditure tax in the case of hotels set up in rural areas, hill stations, pilgrim centres and specified destinations etc. have already been made available for attracting private investment in the tourism sector.

I.T.D.C. Leave Rules

4135. SHRI B. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the ITDC Leave Rules, there is a provision for study Leave and Extra Ordinary Leave without pay for the ITDC employees;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and under which terms, conditions and circumstances the abovementioned leave can be availed of by the ITDC employees;

(c) the details of such ITDC employees who have been allowed the above-mentioned type of leave with justification and the financial implication if any, during the years, 1990? 1991 and upto the 30th June, in the year 1992; and